GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Racial Attacks on Indians
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) have been coming under racial attacks in America during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof for each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has taken/is taking any steps to check such attacks on Persons of Indian Origin; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) There are no clear indications to suggest that racial attacks in the last few years in the United States are specifically directed against Persons of Indian Origin. However, a few incidents of attacks on Persons of Indian Origin have been brought to the notice of this Ministry. These are given below:

i. On February 10, 2014, one person was robbed and stabbed in San Francisco.

ii. In August 2014, a man was killed, while working at a gas station at Hanover in Maryland.

iii. In January 2015, an owner of convenience store in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina was shot dead in an attempted robbery.

iv. On February 6, 2015, a 57-year old Indian national, who was visiting his son in Madison, Alabama was assaulted by a Madison County Police Officer, which left him partially paralyzed.

v. On March 9, 2015, a dentist student was found dead in an apartment in Albany, California.

vi. In March 2015, one young Sikh boy was racially abused in a school in Georgia.

vii. In June 2015, a student in Miami was shot dead in a robbery attempt.

viii. On June 28, 2015, a 26-year old man, working for a store in Baltimore, Maryland was shot and killed by robbers.

ix. On August 25, 2015, a young man was shot dead in Hampton, Virginia.

x. On September 8, 2015 one resident in the Darien city was assaulted near Chicago.

xi. On December 26, 2015, a 68-year old Indian national was attacked by two miscreants in Fresno, California.

xii. On June 18, 2016, an Indian national was shot dead by unidentified men at a convenience store in Macon, Georgia.

xiii. On September 25, 2016, a 41-year old man was attacked by three miscreants in Richmond, California.

xiv. On September 27, 2016, an Indian national was shot and critically injured at a gas station in Savannah, Georgia.

xv. On October 21, 2016, an Indian national was shot dead at a gas station at Mississippi.

xvi. On November 14, 2016, in Fremont, California, a 41-year old woman, who was wearing a bandana, became a victim of an incident, wherein her car was burglarized and a note with racially abusive words was left. She was left unharmed, as she was not at the scene of crime.

xvii. In November 2016, a man was attacked in a restaurant in Pennsylvania.

(c) & (d) The safety and security of Indians abroad is among the top diplomatic priorities for the Government of India. Missions and

Posts remain vigilant and closely monitor any incident of attack against Indians and Persons of Indian Origin. Such incidents are immediately taken up with the concerned authorities of local, State and Union administration as appropriate, to ensure that the cases are properly investigated and guilty punished. The Government also engages with the US Congress for their support.